GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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SALE OF FERTILIZERS BY IFFCO
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) is exploring options to sell fertilizers in neighbouring countries due to the demand and recent slump; and

(b) if so, the details worked out so far and the present position therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b): India is dependent on imports for all kinds of fertilizers. In Nitrogenous Sector the country is import dependent to the extent of approximately 25% of its total requirements. In Phosphatic Sector the import dependence is to the extent of 90% if raw materials are also taken into account. The country has no known reserves of Potash and therefore fully dependent on imports in Potash Sector. No fertilizer can be exported without the permission of the Government. Since the country is import dependent on fertilizers the Government do not encourage export of fertilizers. However, limited export permissions are given on case to case basis after ensuring that domestic availability of fertilizers is not affected. Presently, there is no proposal from IFFCO to allow regular export of fertilizers to neighbouring countries. However, the Government, has in the recent past, based on specific request of the company, allowed export of 15,154 MT of DAP to Nepal and 5000 MT of DAP & 1000 MT each of complex fertilizers and MOP to Oman.